S.No.	Nationality	No. of Persons Arrested
31.	Senegal	1
32.	Sri Lanka	40
33.	South African	3
34.	Somalian	3
35.	Swedish	1
36.	Tanzanian	5
37.	Ugandan	12
38.	U.S.A.	1
39.	Uzbekistani	I
40.	West African	1
41.	Zaire	1
42.	Zambian	5

Recovery of loan from Corporate Sector

2705. SHRI ABANI ROY ; Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "banking sector files suits for Rs. 39,000 crore recovery" as reported in the Business Standard dated the 7th March, 2000;

(b) if so, whether the Indian Banking Sector has filed suits for recovery of loans from the Indian corporate sector;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to recover all the loans from corporate ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALA SAHEB VIKHE PATIL) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that based on the information as furnished by Banks and FIs as on 31-3-99, the position of suit filed against borrowers with outstanding of Rs. 1 Crore and above, is indicated below :

(Rs. in Crore)

	No. of Accounts	Amount
(i) State Bank of India and Associate Banks	853	4214.39
(ii) Nationalised Banks	2548	11779.47
(iii) Private Sector Banks	332	1242.20
(iv) Foreign Banks	135	822.20
Total All Banks	3868	18058.26
FIs i.e. ICICI and IDBI	599	2522.25
Total Banks and FIs	4467	20580.51

(d) Banks and FIs take all possible steps to recover their dues from defaulters through various means such as close follow up, filing of suits etc. Also Government of India/Reserve Bank of India/Banks have taken several steps for recovery of bank dues which include framing and implementation of recovery policy by banks, filing of suits with Civil Courts, filing cases with Debts Recovery Tribunals (DRTs), strenghthening and setting up more DRTs and DRATs comprising settlement through Settlement Advisory Committees and monitoring and follow up of non performing accounts.

Inclusion of Food processing industries in priority sector

†2706. DR. D. MASTHAN :

SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH : Will the

Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state ;

(a) whether it is a fact that food processing industry has also been included in the priority sector for providing loans by the banks on the instructions of Govermnent;

(b) if so, when such instructions were issued;

(c) whether instructions for increasing the quantum of loans to priority sector have also been issued along with these instructions; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

†Original Notice of the Question was received in Hindi.